

MEMORANDUM

Date: 1/16/2007
To: Chairman Rice
Members of the Judiciary Committee
From: Carter and Lora Kruse, Bozeman, Montana
Subject: Support for HB 239

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 239 regarding increased fines for speeding in school zones. Due to scheduling conflicts (Carter is traveling for work and Lora needs to be with our children) we can not be present to testify in person but want to emphasize our support for the increased safety in school zones that this bill helps provide. As parents of two school-aged children, and two additional pre-schoolers, there is always a concern for our children's safety in and around the school. In particular, as we pick our children up at Longfellow School in Bozeman, we have on several occasions witnessed erratic driving and excessive speed in the marked school zone, often when children are present on the playground, sidewalks, and crosswalks. If this bill can eliminate even a portion of that behavior and prevent even one close call, injury or death it will be worth your time and effort. Thanks for your attention to this issue.